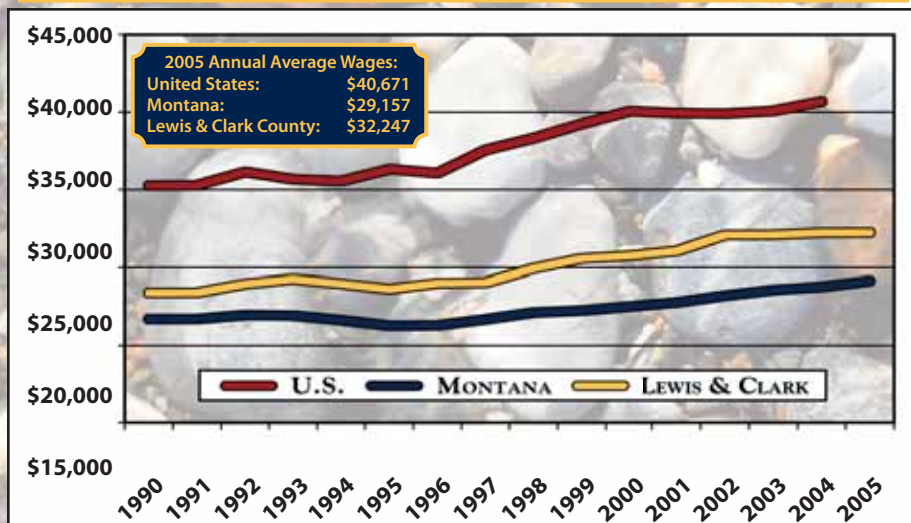


## Annual Average Labor Force - Lewis & Clark County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2005	31,503	30,349	1,154	3.7%
2004	31,188	30,025	1,163	3.7%
2003	31,022	29,889	1,133	3.7%
2002	30,626	29,393	1,233	4.0%
2001	31,486	30,253	1,233	3.9%
2000	31,221	29,964	1,257	4.0%

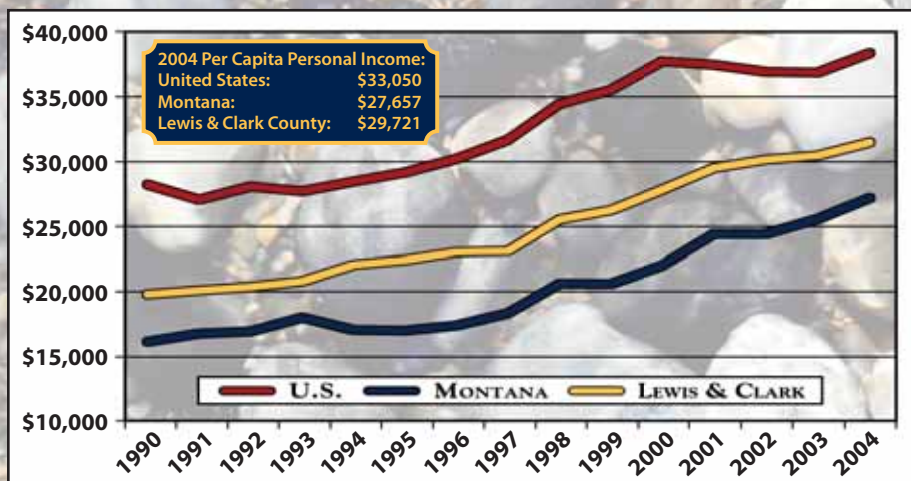
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

## Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2004 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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# Demographic & Economic Information for Lewis & Clark County

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## LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY

Lewis and Clark County is Montana's sixth most populous county, with an estimated 58,449 residents in 2005. Helena, the state capitol and the county seat, is the state's 6th largest city, with a population estimated at 27,383 in 2005.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Lewis and Clark County include: Augusta, Canyon Creek, Craig, East Helena, Fort Harrison, Lincoln, Marysville, and Wolf Creek.

The capital city of Helena is known for its record of economic stability, owing in large part to government employment. In fact, 31% of Helena's workforce is employed in government positions.<sup>2</sup> Not only is Helena the governmental center of Montana, it is also a trading and transportation hub due to its centralized location among Montana's major cities.

Helena is also home to two institutions of higher education: Carroll College and the University of Montana - Helena College of Technology. Carroll currently enrolls 1,400 students and was ranked as one of the best comprehensive colleges in the west by U.S. News and World Report. U of M-Helena COT enrolls 924 students.

Retail Trade is the number one industry subsector in Lewis and Clark County, employing 5,634 people in 2005. Other significant subsectors include Health Care & Social Assistance (with 4,457 employees), Accommodation & Food Services (4,456), and Construction (3,714). In 2005, the fastest growing subsectors of Lewis and Clark County's economy included Administrative & Waste Services (up 22.5% from 2004), Construction (up 16.8%), Wholesale Trade (up 16.6%), and Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation (up 15.2%).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

<sup>2</sup>"Helena: Economy," Cities of the United States, [www.city-data.com/us-cities/The-West/Helena-Economy.html](http://www.city-data.com/us-cities/The-West/Helena-Economy.html)

<sup>3</sup>Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program

## Resources for Lewis & Clark County

### Chambers of Commerce

Helena Chamber of Commerce  
225 Cruise Ave., Helena, MT 59601  
(406) 447-1530, [www.helenachamber.com](http://www.helenachamber.com)

Lincoln Valley Chamber of Commerce  
P. O. Box 985, Lincoln, MT 59639  
Ph: (406) 362-4949 Fax: (406) 362-4632  
[www.lincolnmontana.com](http://www.lincolnmontana.com)

### Newspapers

Helena Independent Record  
P. O. Box 4249, Helena, MT 59604  
(406) 447-4000 or (800) 523-2272  
[www.helenair.com](http://www.helenair.com)

Queen City News  
715 Getchell St., Helena, MT 59601  
(406) 443-3678 or (406) 443-3699  
E-mail: [editor@queencitynews.com](mailto:editor@queencitynews.com)  
[www.queencitynews.com](http://www.queencitynews.com)

Blackfoot Valley Dispatch  
P. O. Box 427, Lincoln, MT 59639  
Ph: (406) 362-4975 Fax: (406) 362-4171  
E-mail: [bvd@montana.com](mailto:bvd@montana.com)

### Job Service Workforce Center

715 Front St., P. O. Box 201505  
Helena, MT 59620, (406) 447-3200  
<http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/helena>

### Economic Development

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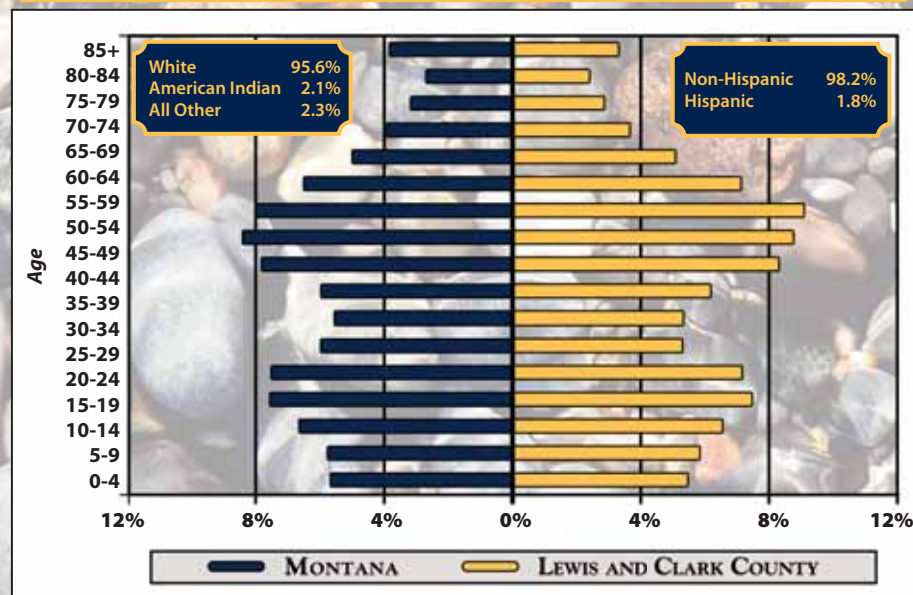
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## Population for Lewis & Clark County & Related Areas

	Total Population					
	Census	Estimates				
Geography	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Montana	902,195	906,098	910,395	917,885	926,920	935,670
Lewis & Clark County	55,716	56,246	56,452	57,165	57,932	58,449
East Helena	1,642	1,646	1,649	1,687	1,795	1,848
Helena	25,780	26,206	26,350	26,768	27,162	27,383
Balance of Lewis & Clark County	28,294	28,394	28,453	28,710	28,975	29,218

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

## Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Lewis & Clark County, 2005



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 Population Estimates

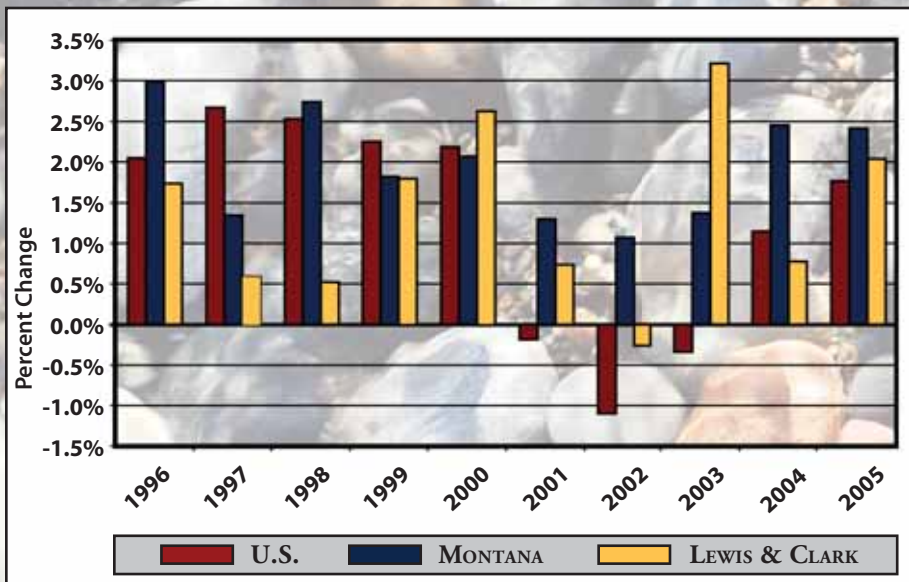
## Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Lewis & Clark County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	8.6%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	29.3%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	25.4%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	5.1%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	21.3%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	6.9%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	2.7%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000



## Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005 U.S., Montana, and Lewis & Clark County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Top 20 Private Employers in Lewis & Clark County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2006 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertson's	6	Northrop Grumman	6
American Chemet Corporation	6	Power Townsend	6
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	8	Qwest	6
Carroll College	7	Rocky Mtn. Development Council	6
Family Outreach	6	St. Peter's Hospital	8
Helena Sand & Gravel	6	Shodair	6
Home Depot	6	Student Assistance Foundation	6
Independent Record	6	Wal-Mart	7
Mergenthaler Transfer & Storage	6	Watkins & Shepard	6
Mountain West Bank	6	Westaff	7

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

## Agricultural Statistics - Lewis & Clark County

### Farms

<b>Farms: (number)</b>	635
Land in farms (acres)	841,826
Average size of farms (acres)	1,326
<b>Farms by size: (number)</b>	
Less than 1,000 acres	541
1,000 acres or more	94
<b>Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)</b>	
Less than \$100,000	586
\$100,000 or more	49
<b>Farms by type of organization: (number)</b>	
Family, Individual, Partnership	596
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	39

### Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

<b>Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)</b>	
Cattle and calves	39,644
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Sheep and lambs	3,776
Horses and ponies	2,492
Bison	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)
<b>Crops Harvested (acres)</b>	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	0
Wheat for grain, All	6,829
Winter wheat for grain	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	(D)
Spring wheat for grain	5,241
Barley for grain	7,786
Oats for grain	175
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, haylage, grass silage	45,339

### Operator Demographics

<b>Primary occupation: (number)</b>	
Farming	334
Other	301
<b>Place of residence: (number)</b>	
On farm operated	570
Not on farm operated	65
<b>Years on present farm: (number)</b>	
Less than 10 years	186
10 years or more	449
<b>Age group: (number)</b>	
Under 55 years	326
55 years and over	309
<b>Average age of operators: (number)</b>	55.5

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002  
(D) - Not Disclosable

# Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2005 - Lewis & Clark County

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	2,216	30,554	\$32,247
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,080	21,697	\$28,024
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	27	173	\$19,929
Crop production	3	53	\$13,124
Animal production	12	87	\$22,877
Forestry and logging	4	12	\$27,728
Agriculture & forestry support	8	21	\$20,335
MINING	2	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	1	*	*
Support activities for mining	1	*	*
UTILITIES	9	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	233	1,423	\$34,095
Construction of buildings	77	530	\$36,719
Heavy and civil engineering construction	16	93	\$39,087
Specialty trade contractors	141	800	\$31,776
MANUFACTURING	58	672	\$33,335
Food manufacturing	6	111	\$19,728
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	3	26	\$6,049
Apparel manufacturing	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	6	66	\$32,802
Printing and related support activities	3	60	\$24,204
Chemical manufacturing	4	*	*
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	3	*	*
Primary metal manufacturing	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	5	16	\$20,996
Machinery manufacturing	4	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	1	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	3	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	9	34	\$22,301
Miscellaneous manufacturing	9	68	\$25,290
WHOLESALE TRADE	70	605	\$37,501
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	32	251	\$40,509
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	24	325	\$35,265
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	14	29	\$36,584
RETAIL TRADE	265	3,594	\$20,243
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	38	416	\$32,144
Furniture and home furnishings stores	20	124	\$25,070
Electronics and appliance stores	21	110	\$22,729
Building material & garden supply stores	26	384	\$26,151
Food and beverage stores	19	541	\$18,779
Health and personal care stores	9	76	\$22,431
Gasoline stations	19	168	\$14,605
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	22	137	\$14,028
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	27	280	\$12,157
General merchandise stores	12	1,008	\$17,518
Miscellaneous store retailers	42	276	\$15,491
Nonstore retailers	11	73	\$29,006
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	43	648	\$31,051
Air transportation	5	43	\$20,160

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Truck transportation	16	360	\$36,875
Transit and ground passenger transport	3	47	\$13,188
Pipeline transportation	2	*	*
Scenic and sightseeing transportation	1	*	*
Support activities for transportation	9	67	\$27,029
Postal service	1	*	*
Couriers and messengers	7	120	\$24,963
INFORMATION	46	768	\$40,014
Publishing industries, except Internet	9	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	4	40	\$9,351
Broadcasting, except Internet	7	76	\$47,248
Telecommunications	17	307	\$47,812
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	9	154	\$34,716
Other information services	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	118	1,790	\$44,686
Monetary authorities - central bank	1	*	*
Credit intermediation & related activity	46	743	\$38,174
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	18	47	\$79,648
Insurance carriers & related activities	52	871	\$49,071
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	2	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	86	381	\$20,471
Real estate	70	241	\$20,304
Rental and leasing services	16	141	\$20,758
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	264	1,639	\$47,808
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	4	101	\$28,874
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	103	737	\$22,769
Administrative and support services	97	711	\$22,308
Waste management and remediation service	6	26	\$35,569
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	27	466	\$25,160
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	224	3,317	\$30,785
Ambulatory health care services	142	931	\$40,508
Hospitals	2	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	20	723	\$19,400
Social assistance	61	*	*
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	59	652	\$11,589
Performing arts and spectator sports	15	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	42	574	\$10,904
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	179	2,956	\$10,257
Accommodation	32	437	\$13,240
Food services and drinking places	146	2,519	\$9,740
OTHER SERVICES	265	1,660	\$26,055
Repair and maintenance	69	313	\$24,460
Personal and laundry services	26	155	\$13,425
Membership associations & organizations	159	1,179	\$28,249
Private households	12	12	\$15,226
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	136	8,858	\$42,593
Local Government	43	2,173	\$36,353
State Government	36	5,209	\$39,485
Federal Government	57	1,476	\$62,746

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)  
 \* Data Not Disclosable

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.  
 (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)